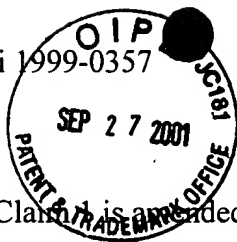


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REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended to correct a typographical error.

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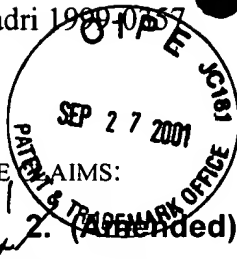
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Amendments showing changes made

IN THE CLAIMS:

2. (Amended) A method, executed in a control node, for controlling bandwidth of communication from a station to a destination module, where said station sends packets that carry a voice signal in a channel specified by said control node, comprising the steps of:

- a) first ascertaining whether said station is in a silence period;
- b) when said step of first ascertaining concludes that said station is in a silence period, sending a control message to said station that reduces bandwidth of said channel;
- c) second ascertaining whether said station is in an active period;
- d) when said step of second ascertaining determines that said station is in an active period, determining whether there is [access] excess capacity that can be assigned to said station; and
- e) sending a control message to said station that increases said bandwidth of said channel when said step of determining concludes that there is [access] excess capacity that can be assigned to said station.

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